

Remarks

Claims 1-7, 15, and 16 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. Claims 2, 3, 7, 15, and 16 are amended. Claim 1 and 8-14 are canceled. New claims 17-24 are added. Claims 2-7, and 15-24 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 & 103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Weidel (US Patent No. 4,966,430). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is canceled rendering moot the rejection of claim 1.

Regarding claims 2-7, 15, and 16, Weidel does not teach all the elements of these claims. Weidel does not teach an alignment post such that the light directed from the lens is focused near an end of the alignment post. For at least this reason, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weidel (US Patent No. 4,966,430) in view of Johnson WO 01/01497. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is canceled rendering moot the rejection of claim 1.

Regarding claims 2-7, 15, and 16, neither Weidel nor Johnson, either individually

or in combination, teach or suggest all the elements of these claims. Neither Johnson nor Weidel, either individually or in combination teach an alignment post such that the light directed from the lens is focused near an end of the alignment post. For at least this reason, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2-7, 15, and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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